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CHINESE COAL RESERVES AND PRODUCTION, 1953Chugoku Keizai Nempo, April-June 1953  
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[Comment: This report gives information on the estimated coal reserve and coal production in China. The information on production is divided into two sections; a section which covers 1936-1947 period, and another section which covers 1949-1953. The Chugoku Keizai Nempo (China Economic Yearbook) is a quarterly publication of the China Research Institute, a private research organization in Tokyo, Japan.]

Reserves

The Ching-chi Chou-pao of 16 April 1953 estimated the coal reserve of China at 444,500,000,000 tons, the article by Sung Ching-chih in the Kuang-ming Jih-pao of 23 May 1953, estimated it at more than 400 billion tons, and in 1947 the Ministry of Information of the Nationalist Government estimated it at 444,511,000,000 tons. The following table shows the distribution of coal reserve by provinces as estimated by the Ministry of Information, Nationalist Government in 1947 (in million tons):

Northeast China	12,422	Szechwan	3,833
Hopeh	4,365	Kweichow	2,518
Honan	8,034	Kwangsai	1,157
Shantung	2,126	Yunnan	2,310
Shansi	295,600	Sikang	531
Kiangsu	217	Ningsia	457
Anhwei	760	Chahar	526
Chekiang	100	Suiyuan	476
Hunan	1,293	Shensi	71,950
Hupei	354	Kansu	1,056
Kiangsi	700	Tsinghai	824
Fukien	153	Sinkiang	31,980
Kwangtung	333	Taiwan	444

Production, 1936-1947

No single source gives detailed information concerning production figures for the 1936-1947 period. The production figures given in the table below are compiled from data reported in the three sources given in the Notes:

<u>Province</u>	<u>1936</u> <u>(tons)</u>	<u>1947</u> <u>(tons)</u>
Heilungkiang	506,000	600,000
Kirin	663,000	219,000
Liaoning	11,948,000	2,160,000
Jehol	547,000	1,599,000
Chahar	193,000	180,000
Suiyuan	94,000	80,000
Ningsia	28,850	150,600
Sinkiang	71,600	176,400
Kansu	90,500	240,000
Shensi	220,700	540,000
Shansi	3,307,164	600,000
Hopeh	7,560,076	5,540,000

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<u>Province</u>	<u>1936</u> (tons)	<u>1947</u> (tons)
Shantung	5,109,437	300,000
Honan	3,191,576	720,000
Hupeh	567,337	308,400
Anhui	996,734	871,200
Chekiang	236,301	99,000
Kiangsu	3,828,835	624,000
Fukien	10,500	30,000
Kiangsi	489,414	219,600
Hunan	874,834	699,600
Szechwan	1,518,174	1,748,400
Sihang	24,500	30,000
Yunnan	160,300	200,000
Kweichow	260,000	199,200
Kwangsi	38,068	132,000
Kwangtung	213,000	60,000
Total	39,342,000	18,387,000

<u>Province</u>	<u>1943</u> (tons)	<u>1944</u> (tons)	<u>1945</u> (tons)	<u>1946</u> (tons)
Northeast	25,320,000	25,626,704		2,860,000
Total	66,170,000	55,010,000	52,380,000	18,408,000

- NOTES: 1. Production figures for 1936 by provinces and the 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946 total production figures are data released by the Ministry of Information, Nationalist Government in 1947.
2. Production figures of the Northeast for 1943, 1944, and 1946 are from the Japanese document, "Investigation of Activities of Overseas Japanese," published by the Ministry of Finance, Japanese Government.
3. Production figures for 1947 by provinces are from the China Yearbook [year not given].

Although the Ministry of Information, Nationalist Government, reported the 1943 production as 66,170,000 tons as shown in the above table, the Chin-chi Chou-pao of 12 February 1953 and the Hsin-hua Yueh-pao of November 1949 reported it as 52,647,000 tons. It is difficult to determine which one is more accurate; therefore, both figures are given in this report.

#### Production, 1949-1953

Production of coal during 1949-1953, as compared to 1943, was estimated as follows: (column "A" is based on 66,170,000 tons, and column "B" on 52,647,000 tons as 1943 production):

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	<u>Percent</u>	<u>"A"</u> (1,000 tons)	<u>"B"</u> (1,000 tons)
1943	100.0	66,170	52,647
1949	45.0	29,777	23,691
1950	58.6	38,776	30,851
1951	69.2	45,790	36,432
1952	90.0	59,553	47,382
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- NOTES:
1. Percentages for 1950 and 1951 are from the Sung Shao-wen's report, "Results of People's Economic Construction for the Past Two Years."
  2. Percentages for 1949 and 1952 are from the Li Fu-ch'un's report, "Restoration and Development of Our Industry for the Past Three Years."
  3. Percentage for 1953 is from the Chou En-lai's "Political Report" presented at the Fourth Session of the First National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

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